

## **Colorado State Housing Board Policy**

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### **APPENDIX 6: Energy Standards Policy**

The Colorado State Housing Board and Division of Housing believe that energy efficiency is a key factor in creating and maintaining affordable housing. We believe that developing energy efficient affordable housing will decrease energy consumption, will have environmental benefits and will ultimately provide a financial benefit. As stated in the Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-32-702: "There exists in this State a need for additional adequate, safe, sanitary, and energy an efficient new and rehabilitated dwelling unit... for the public and statewide interest."

Whereas:

The Department of Local Affairs is committed to a comprehensive community development strategy with affordable housing as one of the five foundational elements of the strategy and the Division of Housing is part of the Department of Local Affairs.

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The State Housing Board advises the General Assembly, the Governor and the Division of Housing

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The Board's goal is to increase affordability and long-term sustainability of Colorado's affordable housing and limited resources demand that we prioritize funding of projects; therefore, it is important that the Board establish a policy to establish an energy standard to set funding priorities.

Therefore:

The Board hereby adopts the following energy-efficiency standard:

#### **Energy-Efficient Standards of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs/Division of Housing**

##### **For single family and low-rise (up to 3 stories) housing projects:**

Projects funded shall substantially meet Low-Water Landscaping (e.g. Denver Water Board Standards), and

One of the following (listed in order of preference):

- Enterprise Community Partners, Green Communities Criteria 2008 or later
- U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes, Silver or above
- The most recently released International Energy Efficiency Codes (IECC)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Star 2011 for New Homes
- U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes, Certified
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Star for New Homes

##### **For commercial and residential projects above 3 stories:**

Projects funded shall substantially meet Low-Water Landscaping (e.g. Denver Water Board Standards), and

One of the following (listed in order of preference):

- Enterprise Community Partners, Green Communities Criteria 2008 or later
- U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for New Construction version 2.2 or later, Silver or above
- The most recently released International Energy Efficiency Codes (IECC)
- U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for New Construction version 2.2 or later, Certified

Note: the Board may approve an alternate standard or waive energy-efficient standards for just cause.